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1. SEVERAL JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN VICTIMS IN A WAVE OF KIDNAPPINGS IN BUENOS AIRES IN THE PAST WEEK. HECTOR FERREIROS, KIDNAPPED ON MARCH 31, WAS FOUND SHOT TO DEATH IN A FIELD NEAR QUILMES IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE ON APRIL 5. GEN. LANUSSE'S FORMER PRESS SECRETARY EDGARDO SAJON DISAPPEARED ON HIS WAY TO WORK APRIL 1. THERE HAS BEEN NO INFORMATION ON HIS CASE DESPITE PERSONAL APPEAL BY GEN. LANUSSE TO PRESIDENT VIDELA, A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS FILED BY THE SAJON FAMILY AND A COMPLAINT LODGED BY THE SAJON FAMILY AT A POLICE STATION IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE ON APRIL 5. FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH VIDELA ON SAJON'S BEHALF ON APRIL 3, GEN. LANUSSE SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT RUMORS THAT THE MISSING MAN MAY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND TAKEN TO LA PLATA ALONG WITH OTHER OPEOPLE SUSPECTED OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE GRAIVER FINANCIAL SCANDAL. THE GRAIVER FAMILY BANKING EMPIRE COLLAPSED FOLLOWING THE BANKRUPTCY OF A GRAIVER BANK IN NEW YORK AND THE ALLEGED DEATH OF ARGENTINE FINANCIER DAVID GRAIVER IN A PLANE CRASH IN MEXICO LAST YEAR. THE INTERIOR MINISTRY HAS ANNOUNCED THAT NEITHER THE ARMED FORCES NOR THE FEDERAL OR PRIVINCIAL POLICE HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON SAJON'S WHEREABOUTS.

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2. ARGENTINE JOURNALIST RODOLFO WALSH REPORTEDLY DISAPPEARED

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IN EARLY APRIL. AN EDITORIAL IN THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD APRIL 5 SAID HE MAY HAVE BEEN SEIZED FOR POLITICAL REASONS. (SEE SEPTTEL)

3. FOUR MEN, INCLUDING JOURNALIST EDUARDO DUSCHATZKY TWO MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS LEAGUE EDUARDO JULIO ANZORENA AND ROBERTO ANTONIO DI VITA, AND ARGENTINE PEACE COUNCIL MEMBER JORGE ALBERTO KREYNES, REPORTEDLY DISAPPEARED ON APRIL 1 AND HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE. THE LEAGUE HAS MADE INQUIRIES AT LOCAL POLICE STATIONS AND THE INTERIOR MINISTRY SO FAR WITHOUT RESULT. A LEAGUE MEMBER APPEALED TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TO ASSIST IN LOCATING THE FOUR MEN IN A LETTER TO THE EMBASSY TODAY (APRIL 6). THE EMBASSY IS FOLLOWING THIS AND THE PRECEEDING CASES AND WILL REPORT ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS.  
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